GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2898
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
OFFENCES RELATING TO MARRIAGES
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to review the provision of offences relating to marriages with a view to make them logicable and non-bailable and also to end discrimination against women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (c): Section 493 to 498 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 pertain to offences relating to marriage.The offence under section 493 is non-bailable whereas offences under other sections aforesaid are bailbale.

The Law Commission of India, after a comprehensive review of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, has recommended, inter alia, some amendments in regard to provisions pertaining to offences relating to marriage. Since the Criminal Law is on the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India and is administered by the State Governments, the Law Commission`s Report has been referred to them for their views.